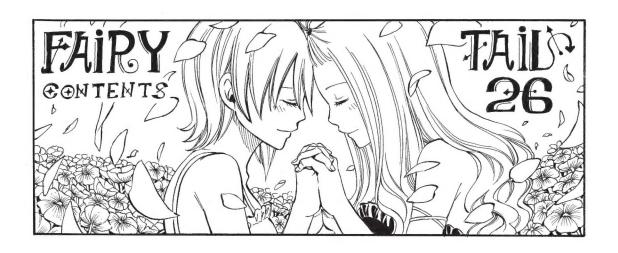


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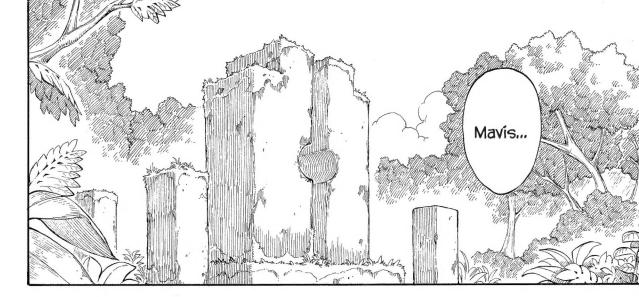
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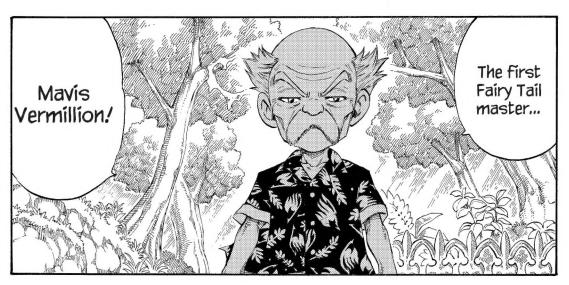
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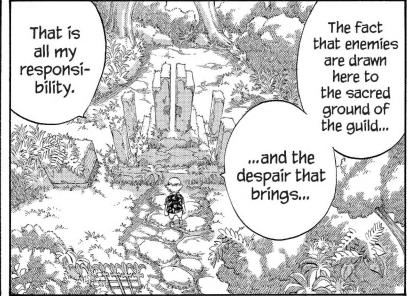


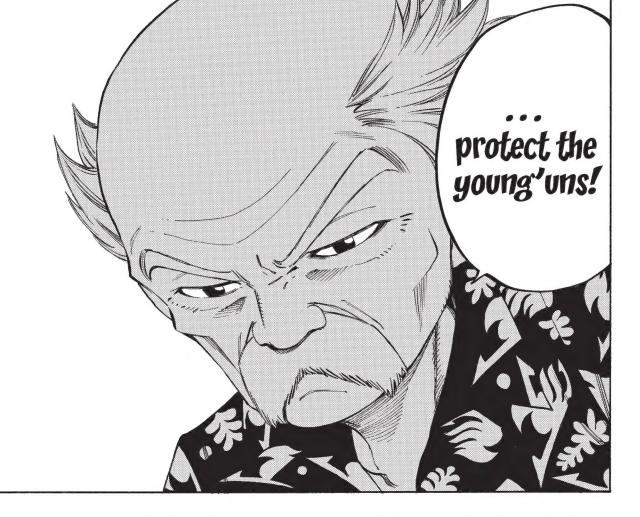
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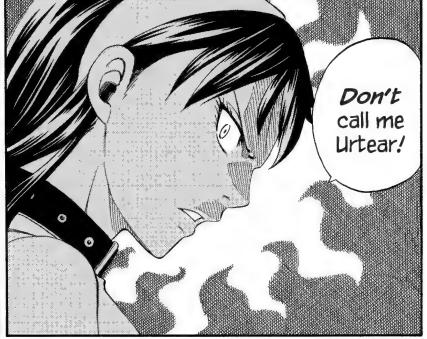


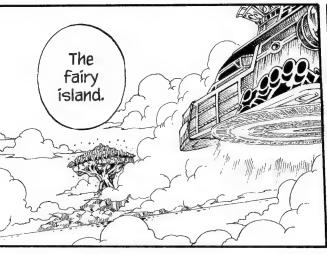
















































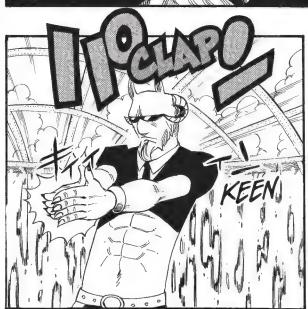












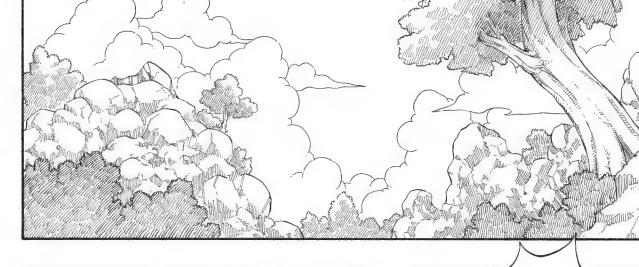
















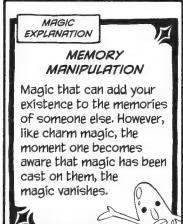


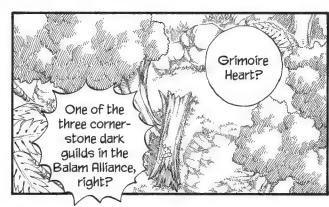


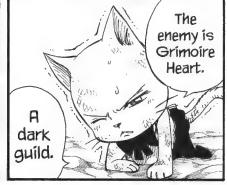








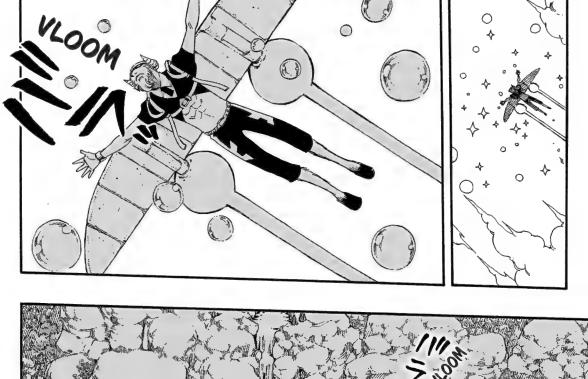


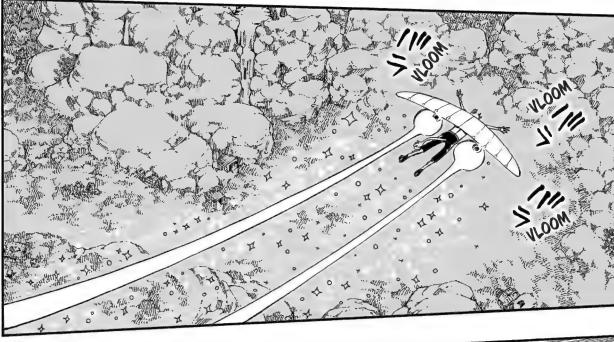


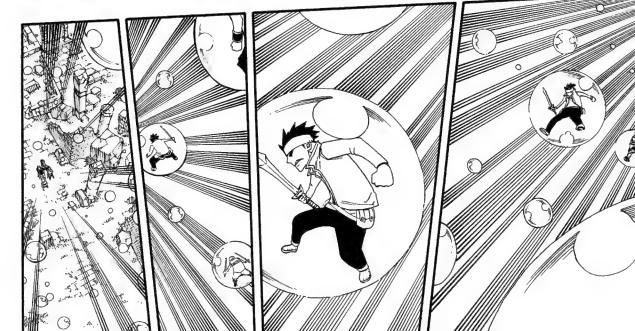












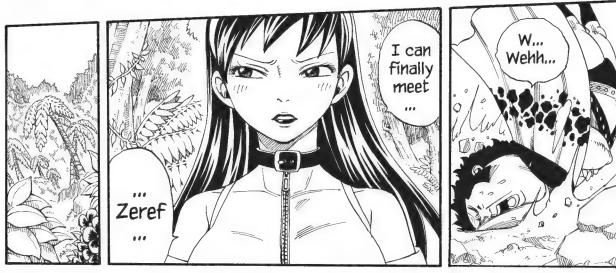








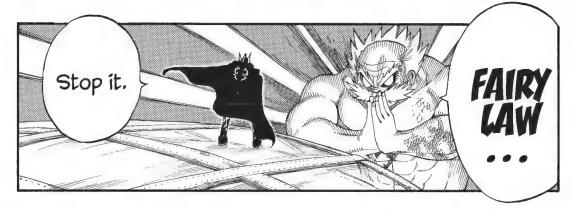




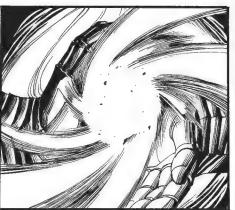


















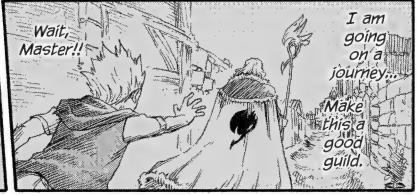


However, if neither of us can withdraw, it will ensure the worst possible outcome for us both.

This magic is a deterrent. It shouldn't be released lightly.













## Chapter 216: The Essence of Magic







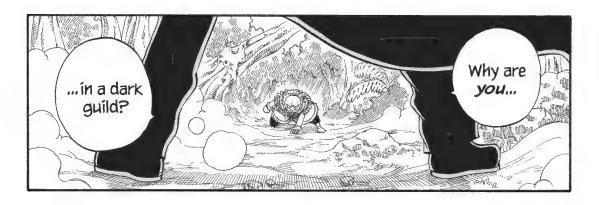






















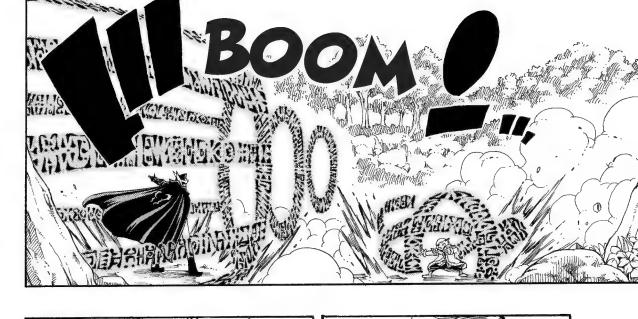










































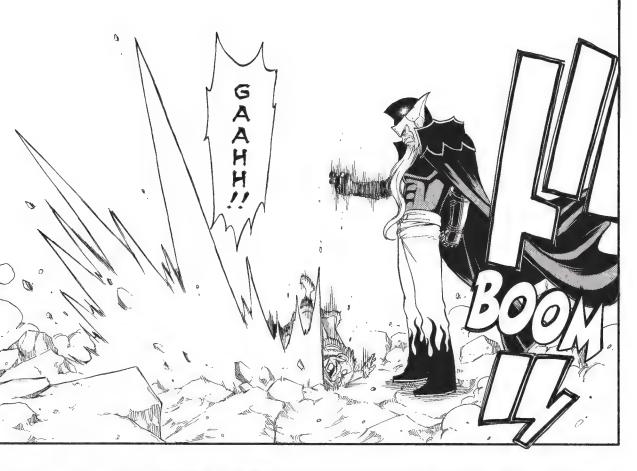






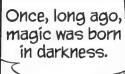










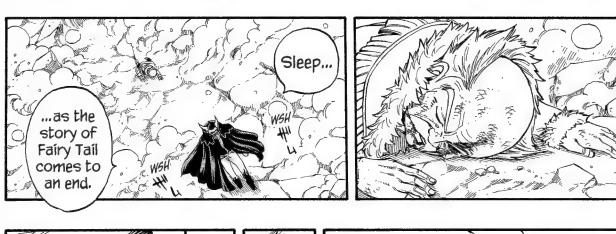


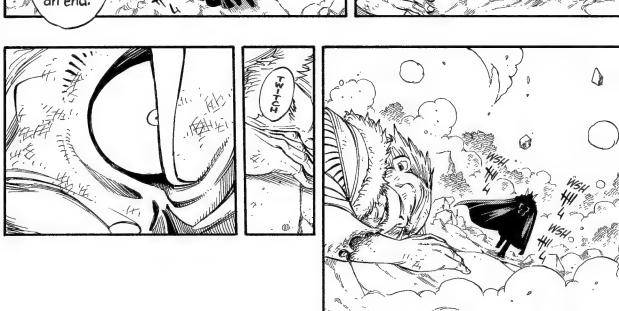






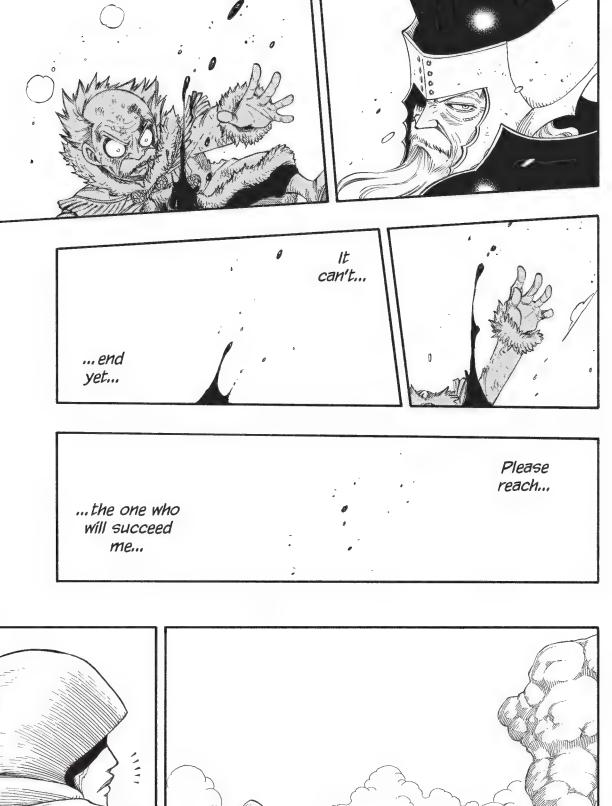


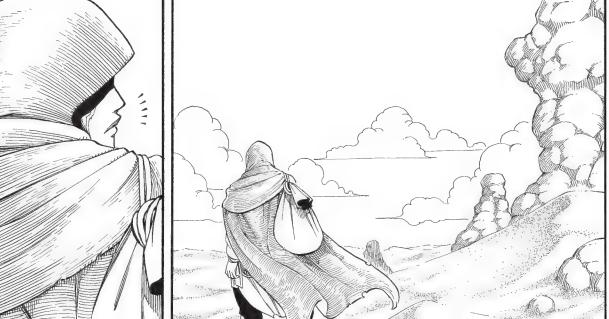
















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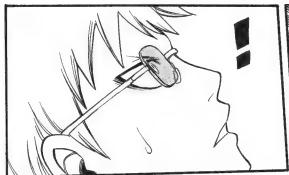














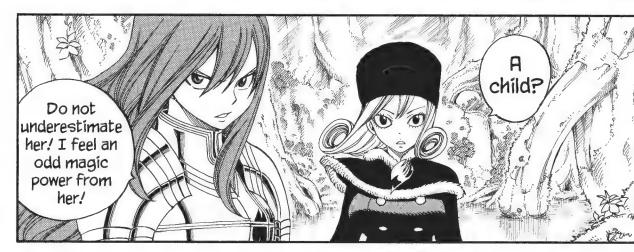










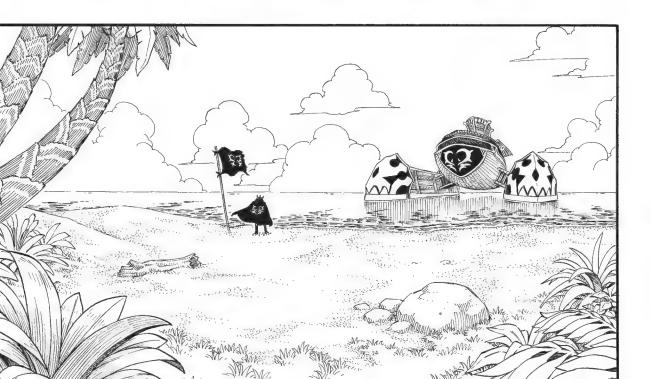








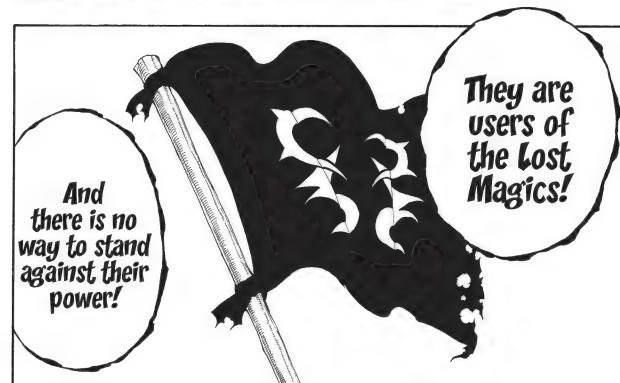














## Chapter 218: Fire Dragon vs. Flame God

































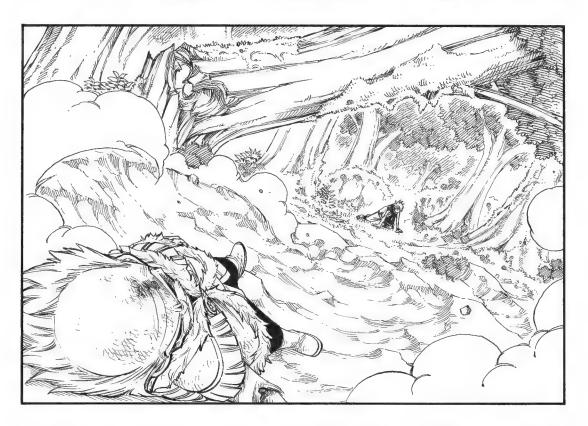














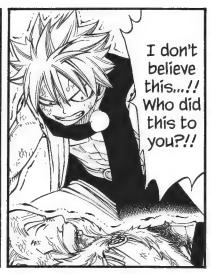






















Don't say things like that!!!!
What about the S-Class test?!
You're the master of Fairy Tail, right?







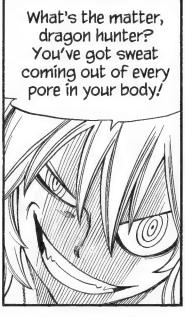
















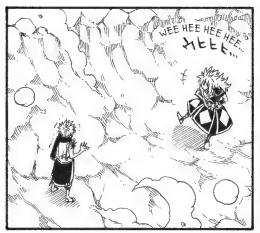


























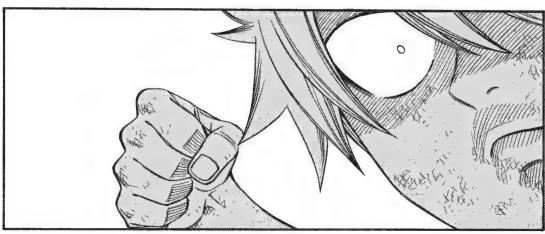




Chapter 219: The Dragon God's Gleaming Flame

































Old man !!!!









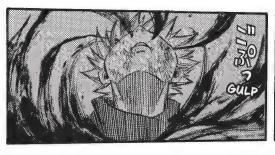








































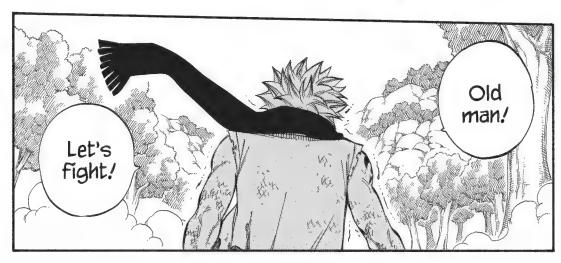


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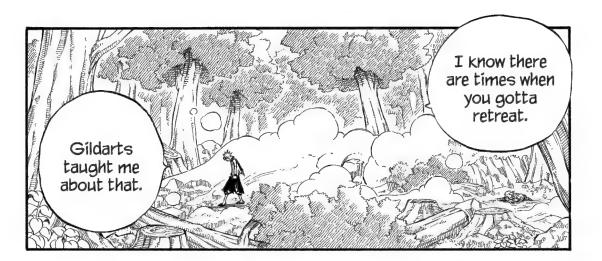








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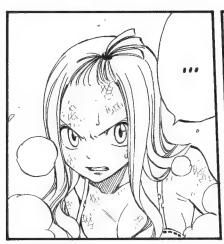


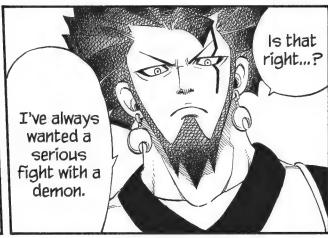


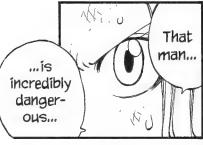






























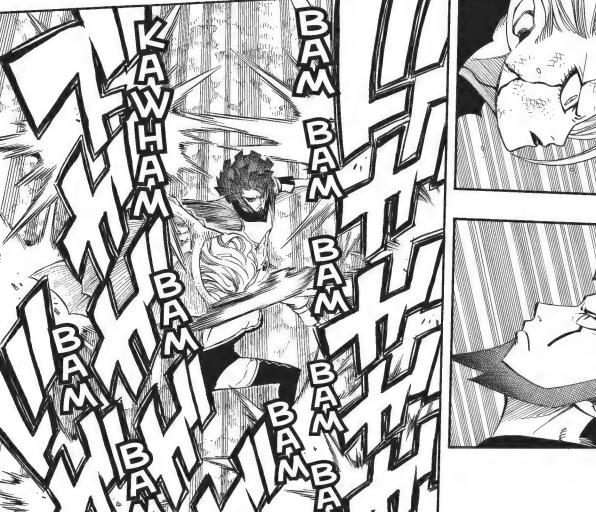
































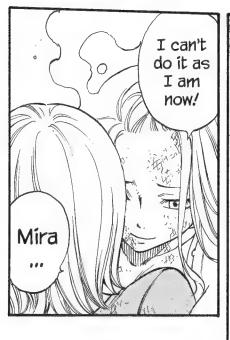






























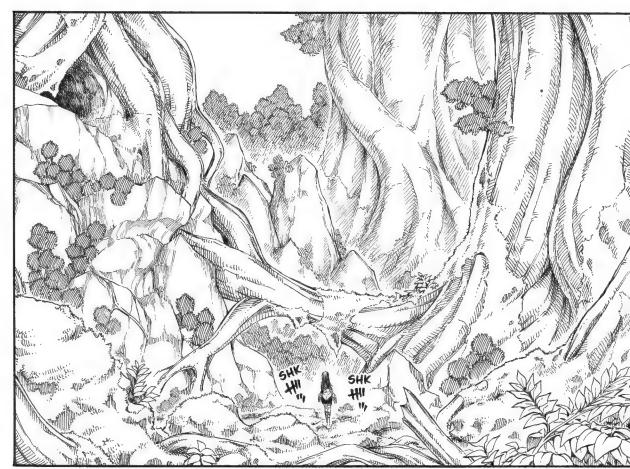


















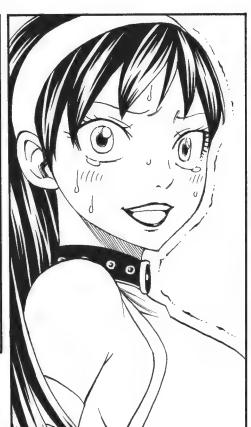














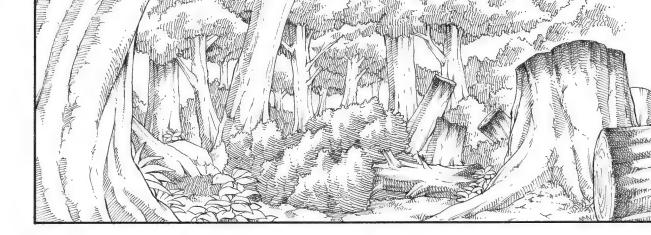






## Chapter 221: The Great Magic World









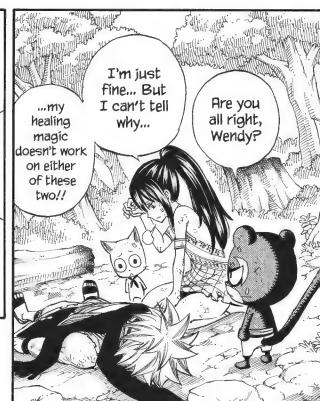




It looks like the master's wounds are too deep. I don't think that even Sky Magic can help with these...



I don't understand why it wouldn't work on Natsu. Probably something is interfering with the healing.





























































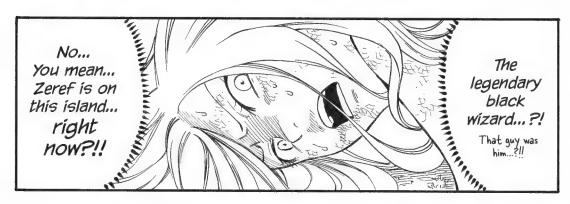




















The trash that can't use magic will cease to exist!!!!

The world will be ours!!!

Doesn't it sound wonderful?!!



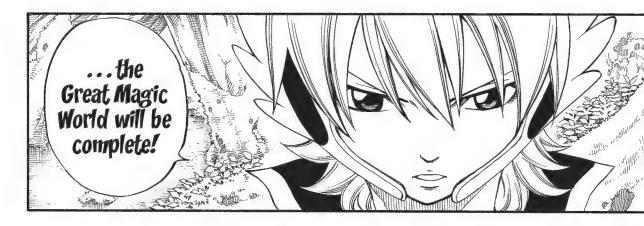














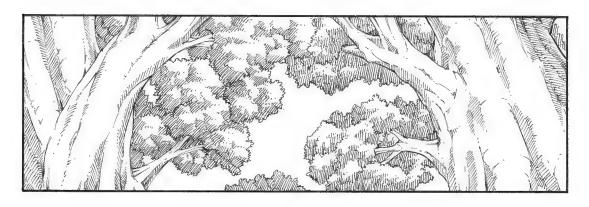
























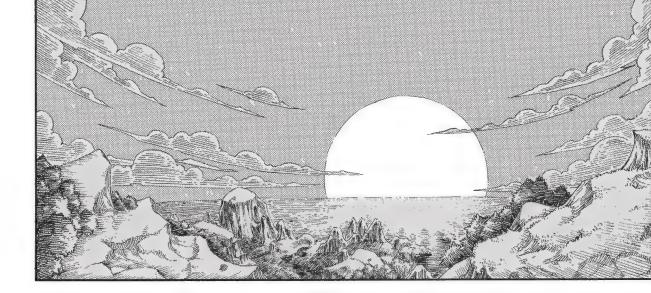






## Chapter 222: Arc of Incarnation





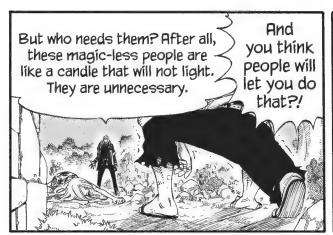


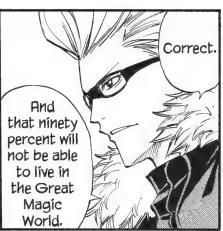










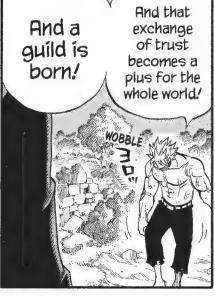








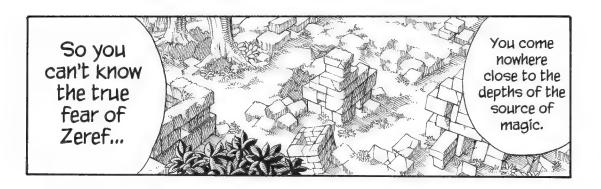


































































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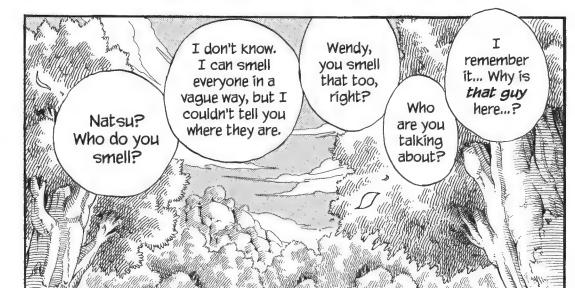










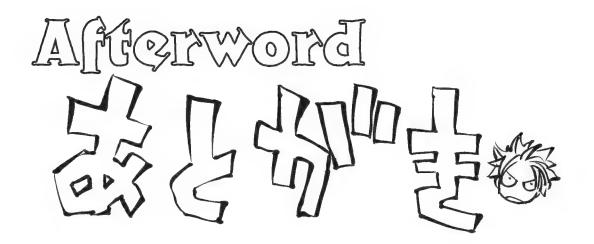












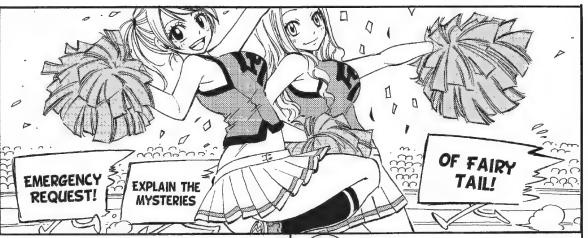
Thank you for picking up Volume 26!! I'm going to put in a little advertisement again. There are two editions of Volume 27 too!\* A normal edition and a special edition! In the special edition, the DVD is based on the idea, "What if the members of Fairy Tail were high-school students?" It tells the story of that alternate world. For those who read the original manga story, you'll see how they added a lot of the scenes to it! You'll want to check it out!

Now, about the story this time... Wow! Pretty astonishing, huh? Hades was the previous master of Fairy Tail!! What'll we do?! Even I don't know how this incredible plot twist will play itself out! (Cries.) And it seems that ever since the last volume went on sale, Zeref has really become a popular character. Yeah, but he's the enemy! He's really dark! He'd never make a silly face.

I also hear that Merudy is extremely popular. Hm... As the author, I was trying to push Kain Hikaru, but I checked with a friend who knows grade school students, and they say, "He isn't cool, so we don't like him." Hm. As this series started, the regular member that's had the biggest rise in popularity is Levy. They say they want to see her have a bigger role. So, hey! This series looks like it's going to be a long one, huh?

Everyone, please come along with me for the ride, okay?!

\*The special edition is available in Japan only.



#### In Magnolia East Gate Park...



Long time no see...!!



:But it was just a one-volume break.

Lucy: It seems like in the main story, you're in a tough spot, Mira-san!

Mira: Think so? But there are so many guild members taking part, it's so much fun!



Yeah...but...um... Mira-san, you're in bad shape...

Mira: It's time to look at our questions!

In Volume 23, you said that Natsu's house makes an appearance in Volume 24, but it didn't, did it?

**Lucy:** Huh...? Was it an easy thing to miss?

Mira: Maybe...

### A huge amount

of post cards came asking this question.



Mira: See? There it is!

**LUCY:** If you're wondering what the inside looks like, it can be found in a Fairy Tail short story!!

Mira: So be sure to read that short story if you ever get the chance!

LUCY: Next question...!!





Maybe it's bedhead?

Lucy: Hm... You don't think it could be a lightning mark as a member of the Raijin Tribe, could it?



!!!!



What's the admiring look for, Mira-san?

Mira: Continuing on.

#### How much does Lucy weigh?



: I'm not saying!!!

Mira: You don't have to worry about your weight! You've got good style!



That isn't the problem... It isn't about being light or heavy! It's just embarrassing to have to say your weight, and...

Mira: 47 kg? (104 lbs)



: Aaaaaaaaaa!!!



:0.05 tons?



Don't go putting it in tons!!

Mira: And the final question for this time.

I think the reason Edolas Mira's personality was the same as normal is because she has two personalities. Normal sweet Mira and scary Mira (Satan Soul).





LUCY: That's less a question and more one possible explanation, huh?

Mira: Interesting.

Lucy: I can feel a certain love for you in the question from this reader, Mira-san!



:Thank you, Y.N.-san!

LUCY: There are all sorts of explanations possible for the things that happened in Edolas.

Mira: That's true. For example, one explanation for why Lisanna was sucked into Edolas was because the Lisanna in Edolas had died, leaving a void, and the world pulled in what it needed to fill the void.

LUCY: There are all sorts of explanations possible for the things that happened in Edolas.

Mira: Actually, the anime may have an explanation for that.



Wha?! If the anime goes explaining things, what'll we do here in this column?!



Don't you worry! There's still a mountain of postcards that say,

### "This story makes out there.

: I don't know if I should be happy or sad about that.

Mira: Now I'm really interested in finding out what happens next in the main story!!

Lucy: (Or I should say, "Mira-san, I hope you survive this!")

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in your art on a postcard or at postcard size, and do it in black pen, okay? Those chosen to be published will get a signed mini poster! > Make sure you write your real name and address on the back of your illustration!

Kanagawa Prefecture,



▲ She drew the girls of Fairy Tail for us!

▲This is really good! The balance between white good!! Become my assistant! and black is excellent!





▲ There was a lot of art with Zeref on it! But what

▲ Aye! Thanks! Fills the frame!



▲ The background of this image really caught my eye! Very well done!!



Filled with dreams!



is his true power?!



▲ Gray will have his time to shine in this series too, okay?



the battle. But just how strong is she?



▲ This guy is really hard to draw! You've got strength.

Seven Kin Collection!



The Fairy Tail Guild is looking for illustrations! Please send

know? We really need a character like this, right?



▲ There were a lot of illustrations of Merudy!! Thank you!!



▲ He's a goat. Cute, right?

By sending in letters or postcards you give us permission to give your name, address, postal code and any other information you include to the author as is. Please keep that in mind.



▲ God Slaaayer!! I want him to show up again!



▲ Wow! This guy's tough Who can take him out?!!



#### FROM HIRD MASHIMA



In addition to the regular release of Volume 26, there is also a special edition of this volume\* that comes with a DVD and other features. But for some reason, a cat-eared Lucy is making a strange pose on the cover, and the insides are the same as Volume 26. I'm really sorry it was confusing. Be sure not to buy both the special edition and the normal edition by mistake.

\*The special edition is only available in Japan.

#### **Translation Notes:**

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

#### Page 80, Boy

The *kanji* that Elfman usually uses for "man" is a *kanji* that men can use for "I." It's usually pronounced *boku*, but it can also be pronounced *otoko* (the Japanese word for "man"). But in this case, he uses another *kanji* that can also be pronounced *otoko* but is usually pronounced *rô*, as in the name Ichirô. The *rô kanji* means male or son, and it seems to mean someone younger than the standard *kanji* for "man."



#### Page 87, Kagutsuchi

In the ancient book of Japanese myths, the *Kojiki*, the twin gods Izanami and Izanagi gave birth to the Japanese islands as well as many other deities and forefathers of the Japanese people. One of their children was Kagutsuchi, a Japanese god of fire. It is said that the birth of Kagutsuchi burned Izanami and caused her death.

#### Page 151, Lord Zeref

There are a number of honorifics that are known to modern Japanese, but are not in common usage. One of the more often seen is *-dono*, which is a way to refer to a feudal lord. The honorific Ultear uses here, *-kyô*, is less common and more polite, but can also translate as "my lord."

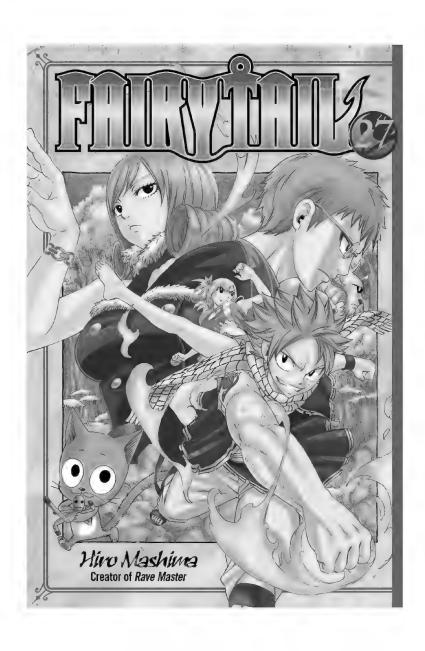


#### Page 187, Silly face

The kind of face that is referred to in Japan as a *gumô* face. It's the kind of despairing face that Makarov makes in Volume 25 in the bottom right-hand panel of page 57. In Japanese, the face has the sound effect "gumô" right next to it.

#### Preview of Fairy Tail, volume 27

We're pleased to present you with a preview from Fairy Tail, volume 27, available now digitally from Kodansha Comics, and coming in print in June 2013. See our Web site (www.kodanshacomics.com) for more details!



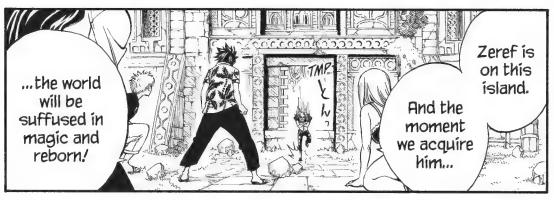








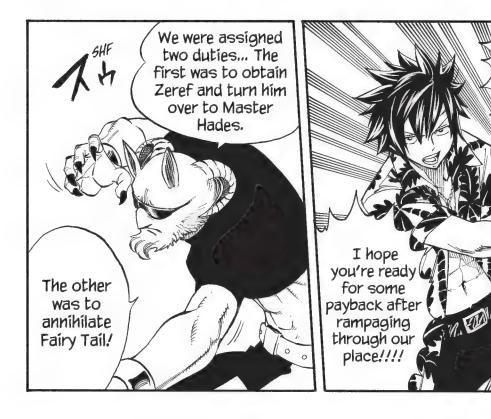


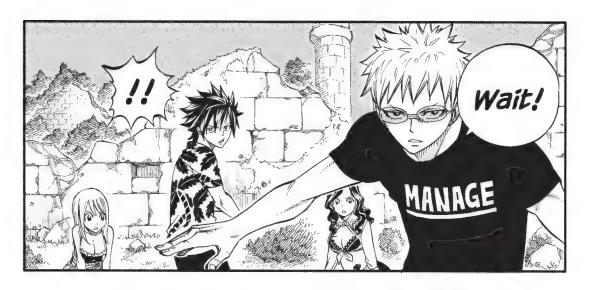


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